



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 674

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Substitute House Bill No. 5793

House of Representatives, April 17, 2008

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FOR RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CARETAKERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-349e of the 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

4 (c) (1) No individual with Alzheimer's disease may participate in the
5 program if such individual (A) has an annual income of more than
6 thirty thousand dollars or liquid assets of more than eighty thousand
7 dollars, or (B) is receiving services under the Connecticut home-care
8 program for the elderly.

9 (2) No individual with Alzheimer's disease who participates in the
10 program may receive more than [three thousand five hundred] five
11 thousand dollars for services under the program in any fiscal year or
12 receive more than thirty days of out-of-home respite care services
13 other than adult day care services under the program in any fiscal

14 year.

15 (3) The commissioner may require an individual with Alzheimer's
16 disease who participates in the program to pay a copayment for respite
17 care services under the program, except the commissioner may waive
18 such copayment upon demonstration of financial hardship by such
19 individual.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	17b-349e(c)

HS *Joint Favorable C/R* APP

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Department of Social Services	GF - Cost	1,000,000	1,000,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill increases the maximum annual benefit under the Alzheimer's Respite program from \$3,500 to \$5,000. This change is expected to cost approximately \$1 million annually. This change is reflected in sHB 5021 (the budget bill, as reported by the Appropriations Committee.)

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5793*****AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FOR RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CARETAKERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from \$3,000 to \$5,000, the annual amount of respite service grants that an individual can receive under the Department of Social Services (DSS) Alzheimer's respite care program. This program, which DSS runs within available appropriations, is available to an individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder provided his or her (1) annual income is no higher than \$30,000 and (2) liquid assets do not exceed \$80,000. The DSS commissioner can require a co-payment but may waive it if it creates a hardship.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2008)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 54 Nay 0 (03/28/2008)